

Zoning Text Amendment No.: 11-07
Concerning: Telecommunications
Facilities – Antenna Height
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**COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PORTION OF
THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT WITHIN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Councilmember Floreen

AN AMENDMENT to the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance to:

- increase the allowable antenna height for telecommunications facilities; and
- generally amend the definition of telecommunications facility

By amending the following section of the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance,
Chapter 59 of the Montgomery County Code:

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| Division 59-A-2 | Definitions and Interpretations |
| Section 59-A-2.1 | Definitions |

EXPLANATION: ***Boldface** indicates a Heading or a defined term.*
Underlining indicates text that is added to existing law by the original text amendment.
[Single boldface brackets] indicate that text is deleted from existing law by original text amendment.
Double underlining indicates text that is added to the text amendment by amendment.
[[Double boldface brackets]] indicate text that is deleted from the text amendment by amendment.
** * * indicates existing law unaffected by the text amendment.*

ORDINANCE

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following ordinance:

Sec. 1. Section 59-A-2.1 is amended as follows:

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Telecommunications facility: Any facility established for the purpose of providing wireless voice, data or image transmission within a designated service area. A [telecommunication] telecommunications facility must not be staffed. A telecommunications facility consists of one or more antennas attached to a support structure and related equipment. Antennas are limited to the following types and dimensions: omni-directional (whip) antennas not exceeding 15 feet in height and 3 inches in diameter; directional or panel antennas not exceeding [6] 8 feet in height and 2 feet in width; and satellite or microwave dish antennas not exceeding [6] 8 feet in diameter. An antenna may be mounted to a structure, a building rooftop, or a freestanding monopole [in accordance with] under Sections 59-A-6.12, 59-A-6.14, and 59-G-2.43. Equipment may be located [within] in a building, an equipment cabinet, or an equipment room [within] in an existing building. No lights or signs are permitted on an antenna or support structure unless required by the Federal Communications Commission, the Federal Aviation Administration, or the County.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This ordinance takes effect one day after the Council's adoption.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council